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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated October 14, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Fields for allowing claims 1 and 20-36 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant recognizes the statements on page 3 of the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. However, Applicant cannot acknowledge these statements for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel,, as they do not correspond to the recitations of the claims word-for-word. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that each dependent claim is allowable for at least the additionally recited features therein.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the allowed claims should not be limited by the Examiner's statements..

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